

**Session IV – “The First Rule of Intelligent Tinkering Is To Save All the Parts”
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One New Species of Earthworms (Oligochaeta: Megascolecidae) of the Nam Xam NBCA, Laos

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Abstract

Earthworm specimens collected from the Namxam National Biodiversity Conservation Area, Laos belong to one new species of Megascolecidae. The species is key to the *morrisi* group in Sim & Easton (1972), defined by two pair spermathecal pores in 5/6/7 simple intestinal, the species has male pores in xviii at 8th -9th setal line, male pore within 3-4 concentric rings at median edge of group of 1-3 circular papillae and genital marking glands paired small, sessile in vii.